(*c*) whether it is possible to state how many villages have been depopulated in that district ever since the last Census operation ;

(*d*) the action taken by Government to prevent this ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. V. Vedavyasacharya).—

A.—(*a*) Yes. Statement appended. (*Vide* Appendix).

(*b*) The reason for the decrease is excess of morbidity and mortality from malaria.

(*c*) Information is not available.

(*d*) Proposals submitted to Government are under consideration.

MR. R. DEVARAKONDAPPA (Anekal—Urban).—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the salary of each Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council was recently reduced from Rs. 80,000 to Rs. 60,000 a year ;

(*b*) whether it is contemplated to reduce the salaries of the Dewan and the Ministers in the Mysore Government ?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (*Rajasevaprasakta* B. T. Kesaviengar).—

A.—(*a*) Government have seen a news-paper report fixing a salary of Rs. 66,000 a year to each of the Members of the Viceroy's Executive Council.

(*b*) No.

MR. V. L. CHAMEGOWDA (Kankanhalli —Rural).—

Q.—11. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many village panchayets in the State have taken electric street lights ;

(*b*) in respect of how many panchayets the period of guarantee has expired (names of taluks, villages to be furnished) ;

(*c*) how many village panchayets whose guaranteed period is over are saying that they do not need the lights ;

(*d*) in how many cases the income derived from the private connections has exceeded the amount guaranteed by the panchayet in respeect of street lights (villagewar particulars to be furnished) ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).—

A.—(*a*) 158.

(*b*) Three.—

(1) Bidarguppe ... Anekal Taluk.
(2) Kadakola ... Nanjangud Taluk.
(3) Kodiyala ... Mandya Taluk.

(*c*) None.

(*d*) Sixty-one villages as detailed in the list appended.

MR. M. A. RAMEGOWDA (Mudgere—Rural).—

Q.—13. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the population of the Malnad area according to the Census figures of 1931 and 1941 (population of males, females and children to be furnished separately) ;